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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Applicant's Arguments

1. In re “But Kuzma’s attachment feature lacks nexus to obtaining any search results”.

Ramsay discloses a system for search and retrieval of documents from a server over a network supported by LAN or local area network (Col 25, Rows 30-35) wherein *Kuzma* discloses a LAN network for transmitting files over the internet (Fig 3 and see Col 3, Rows 57-59 and Col 4, Rows 15-20) from a server (Col 4, Rows 40-48). What *Kuzma* fairly suggested to one of ordinary skill in the art is that email with documents attached is a common method for communicating document data between a server storing document data and a client requiring document data from said server.

2. In re “*Ramsay* and *Larky* fails to disclose or teach any provision for setting whether or not email notification is automatically executed”.

Now that the nexus between *Ramsay* and *Kuzman* has been established, *Kuzman* suggested that prior art concept of automatic attaching attachments by value in an email notification wasted a lot of bandwidth if the attachment is never read (Col 4, Rows 49-54). *Kuzman* proposed to give a user the option to either attach an attachment by reference or by value (Col 5, Rows 1-7) so as to conserve bandwidth over a network.

Furthermore, *Kuzman* suggested that when email notification by value is desired, a client pc where the user is at will automatically retrieve the attachment directly over LAN (Col 5, Rows 45-50).

Therefore, *Kuzman* discloses **setting whether or not email notification by value is automatically executed**, which is a form of email notification.

3. In re “Applicant submits that the examiner’s interpretation of feature (2) is not tenable from the claimed language”.

The office action citation of *Ramsay* corresponding to feature (2) reads “a setting device that sets, based on a user operation, whether or not electronic notification is automatically executed” is indeed not tenable from the claimed language. However, it lays the basic ground work for the modification of *Ramsay* by *Kuzman*. As explained above, *Kuzma* fairly suggested to one of ordinary skill in the art is that email with documents attached is a common method for communicating document data between a server storing document data and a client requiring document data from said server. One of ordinary skill in the art would be suggested by *Kuzman* to send an electronic notification of *Ramsay* in the format of an electronic mail or email in order to allow a user at a client to retrieve document data from a server storing said document data.

In view of the explanation above, it is believed the combination of *Ramsay* in view of *Kuzman* and *Larky* are proper and therefore sustained.

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